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Information and consent form – religious instruction and other instruction

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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to inform you about the religious instruction (RI) arrangements in 2019

Queensland state schools embrace a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs. Under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, schools are to provide RI each week if approached by a faith group seeking to provide RI and students of that faith attend the school.

RI informs students about the beliefs and values of a particular religion. It is delivered by volunteers of a faith group using instructional materials approved by that faith group.

All RI instructors must hold a blue card and participate in compulsory Student Protection and Code of Conduct training. RI instructors are only entitled to deliver the RI program outlined below. A school staff member will be present during the delivery of RI.

Participation in RI is not compulsory. Any student (except Prep students) **may participate in RI if a parent has given consent** and indicated a religion on the *Application for Student Enrolment Form* or in other written advice to the principal. A parent, regardless of their own faith (if any), may choose to give consent for their child to participate in one of the RI programs listed below.

Any child not participating in RI, or whose nominated religion is not represented within the RI program/s at the school, will receive other instruction by a qualified member of school staff in a separate location during the time RI is held. Other instruction will relate to subject areas that have already been covered in class.

At any time, parents may provide written instruction to the principal to change their preference for their child to participate in or be withdrawn from RI. If a parent does not update their consent by completing and returning this form, their previous written instructions to the school will continue to apply.

The faith group that provides religious instructors to deliver the program at our school is listed below:

Arrangements for programs	Name of RI program	Delivery Details
Cooperative program • Christian Cooperative Program	• Godspace	Commencing Term 1, Week 4 Year level 1 to 6 Thursday each week for 20-30 minutes

The aims and objectives of the program can be found at www.godspace.org.au for your information.

Further details about our school's RI program/s and other instruction are available on the school's website and in the school's handbook. You may also wish to access the Department's RI policy statement available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/ri-policy-statement.html> for further information.

You will also be notified of any changes to RI or other instruction.

If you would like further information about RI or other instruction at our school, or require assistance with completing the form below, please contact us on 54572333.

Your sincerely

Margie Burrell

Principal

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Please complete, sign and return this form to the schooloffice or email it to admin@pacificparadisess.eq.edu.au

Student Name: _____ Year Level: _____

<p>From Year 1, your child may participate in religious instruction if it is available.</p> <p>If you tick 'No' or if the nominated religion is not represented within the school's religious instruction program, your child will receive other instruction in a separate location during the period arranged for religious instruction.</p> <p>Parents/carers may change these arrangements at any time by notifying the principal in writing.</p>	<p>Do you want your child to participate in religious instruction?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Parent/carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Privacy Notice

The Department of Education and Training (DET) is collecting the personal information requested in this form in order to:

- *obtain lawful consent for your child to participate in religious instruction or other instruction;*
- *update school records where necessary.*

The information will only be accessed by authorised school staff and will be dealt with in accordance with the confidentiality requirements of s.426 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) and the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld).

The information will not be disclosed to any other person or agency unless it is for a purpose stated above, the disclosure is authorised or required by law, or you have given DET permission for the information to be disclosed.